

Serial No. 10/812,105

Docket No.: 1572.1249

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, and claims 8-16 and 18-19 have been canceled, without any prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is submitted.

Claims 1-7 and 17 are pending and under consideration.

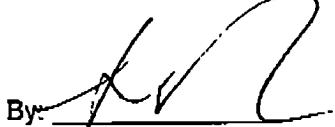
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

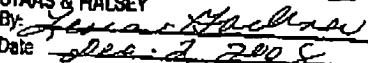
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